

The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh, Monday, June 27, 1726.

From the Evening Post, June 18.

Copy of a Letter writ by Mr. Vandermeer, Ambassador of the States General, to the Marquis de La Paz, to clear himself of what his Excellency is charged with in the Manifesto of the Count.

THE only Reason which made me delay till now, to let you know that I had received the *Fedus* or Manifesto, you did me the Honour to send me, concerning the Affair of Monsieur de Ripperda, is that the Count Coningsbeck, having sent Word to Mr. Stanhope, that an Assembly of all the Foreign Ministers who are now at Madrid, would be held, in order to consult altogether what is proper to be done on account of the Violence committed against the House of the Ambassador of Great Britain. I waited for the Conclusion and Result of that Assembly, to return you an Answer; but that being so long protracted, and the Count de Coningsbeck having without Doubt altered his Resolution, I know not for what Reason; I must needs, Sir, confirm to you every Particular of what I told you, in the Presence of Mr. Stanhope, being indispensably obliged in Quality of Ambassador, that the Violence done on that Occasion, seems to me, to be directly contrary to the Right of Nations, and the Immunities annexed both to the Person and House of Ambassadors, or any other publick Minister, I am the better grounded in my Opinion, because in all the Letters you writ to Mr. Stanhope, his Catholick Majesty never demanded the Duke de Ripperda, neither was that Duke charged in the said Letters with any Crime, which could hinder the Validity of his Asylum; it is only since the perpetrating of that Violence, that I was informed by the Manifesto, of his having been declared guilty of High Treason, tho' at the same Time he was not confined, so that it seems his greatest Crime is his having taken Refuge in the House of an Ambassador.

Sir, In the next Place, I must complain to you, that those who drew up the Manifesto, forgot themselves, in the Words, (*as Furtively*) which they made use of in mentioning my Equipage, which is an Expression highly offensive to a Minister of the first Order, which ought to be avoided in a Mani-

festio, by only setting forth Facts in their true Light without poisoning the Expressions, the more because it is not true, that my Equipage ever was any where clandestinely or furtively. For what Remains Sir, I have sent to their High Mightinesses, my Masters, the Manifesto, and given them a very exact Account of these Circumstances, and of those which happened in the Affair of Mr. de Ripperda. I wait the Orders they shall think fit to send me, I am, At Madrid May 29 1726. F. VANDERMEER.

Paris, June 17. The Bishop of Frejus, has assured Mr. Walpole, Ambassador Plenipotentiary of Great Britain, that the late Alteration made in the Ministry, far from occasioning any, in the Measures taken with the Court of England, concerning the Treaty of Alliance, will rather furnish Means for the better Performance of the Engagements entered into.

Petersburg, June 4. The Night between the 31st past, and the 4th instant, a Fire broke out in the great Dock, and caught instantly the Gallies, eight whereof were entirely consumed; a Machine call'd a Camel, just now finished, with a Design to carry over the Flats, a Man of War of 120 Guns to Cronstadt, has also received considerable Damage. The Fire lasted from 11 at Night till five in the Morning, when it was extinguished by the good Orders given in the Empresses Presence, who had repaired thither. Orders are given for building forthwith eight other Gallies.

From the Whitehall Evening Post, June 18.

Madrid, June 9. Colonel Stanhope continues at his Country House near Aranjuez, where he waits for the Return of the Express he sent to London on the 26th ult. which was detained six Days at Vittoria, and then released by Order of Court. Orders are sent to Cadix to bring ashore the Artillery and Ammunition which was put on board the three Ships bound for America, which were also designed to carry some Troops. Two Advice Ships are to be sent to Vera Cruz and Carthagena, with Orders to send home the Gallies forthwith, which causes an Universal Joy; and the greater, because it was reported that they were to stay there till next Year.

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The Emperor's Minister has just sent an Express to Vienna, and the British Minister has also sent another to London.

Dresden, June 18. A Prosecution is commenced against those who were concerned in raising the late Tumult, and an order is published by the King, forbidding any such Disorder for the future on pain of Death.

London, June 18. On Tuesday a poor Woman in St. Martin's Workhouse, being delirious in a Fever, threw herself out of a Window and died with the Fall. The Night following a Gentleman belonging to the Duke of Arhol passing thro' St. Martin's Lane, was attacked by three Rogues, but he drawing his Sword, stabbed one of them in the Body, upon which they fled.

Letters from Antegon, dated April 3, bring Advice of the sad Continuance of the Excessive Drought and Heats there, formerly mentioned. And Letters from Monserrat and Nevis, relate the great Distress of those Islands on the like Account; and that a Day of Fasting and Humiliation had been proclaimed there on that Melancholly Occasion.

But from St. Christophers, another of the Leeward Islands, not far distant from them, they write that they had there such refreshing Showers, that their Crop was like to prove very good and plentiful.

Yesterday the Duke of Richmond and Sir Robert Walpole returned to Town from Windsor.

Last Thursday several of his Majesty's Messengers went to the King's Bench Prison in Southwark, and seized all the Papers of John Ker of Kersland in North Britain Esq; who is a Prisoner there in Execution Dock. As also those of Mr. Curl the Bookseller, who is likewise a Prisoner in the same Place upon Conviction of publishing two obscene Books, for which he is to receive Sentence this Term.

From Miss's Weekly Journal, June 18.

Tunbridge Wells, June 11. Some Days ago a famous Ratcher of those Parts, brought seven Dozen of Rats alive into a Cage at one Joseph Freshet's of this Place. We have the Expectation of as full a Season as ever was known.

Exam the St. James's Evening Post, June 18.

Warsaw, June 8. The King who kept his Chamber for a fortnight to take some Physick by way of Precaution began Yesterday to appear in publick, and gave Audience to the Foreign Ministers. The same Day the Envoy of the Cham of Tartary, had his publick Audience of the King, without his Cap,

Cloak and Symeter, according to Custom. When he presented his Credentials to the King, he made a Speech in the Tartarian Language, containing Assurances of the Lord his Master's great Concern for his Majesty's Prosperity. The High Chancellor answered him in the King's Name, in the Polish Language and promised him a Speedy Dispatch; after which this Minister retired and had his Cap returned to him in the Anti-Chamber, his Cloak upon the Stair-Case and his Symeter without the Palace Gate.

Brussels, June 17. On the 15th, the Duties of the Province of Hainault were adjudged to M. Venbraken for 534000 Florins, which is 84000 Florins more than they were farmed out at before: This Farm is for three Years to begin the 1st of July. Our Most Serene Governours has granted to the said Province's Diminution of the 4th Part of the Excise on Beer.

Brussels, June 20. An Express dispatched from Madrid on the 9th of this Month, arrived here on the 17th, with Orders to Don Philip Rodriguez, Chief Secretary of the Embassy of Spain, to repair to the Court of the Emperor to reside there in quality of his Catholick Majesty's Resident: And the same Express brought Orders likewise to Don Plaise Urriotti Goiti, second Secretary of the Embassy, to continue here till further Orders.

Paris, June 18. M. de Belle Isle and M. de Jouchere, have Leave to return to Paris. The Office of Superintendent of the Queen's Household, which the Duke of Bourbon's Sister Mademoiselle de Clermont had, is given to the eldest Princess Dowager of Conti. The Marchioness of Tresuel, Daughter of M. le Blanc, who is restored to the Office of Secretary at War, is appointed first Lady in Ordinary to the Queen, in the Room of the Marchioness de Prie. The late Bishop of Frejus has the Inspection of the Ports of France, but without Title or Salary. The Express sent to Madrid to carry thither the News of the Change in the Ministry, was dispatched by the Pope's Nuncio here, to the Nuncio in Spain. Prince Kurakin, Ambassador of Russia, set out on the 26th for the Spaw, to use the Waters there, but Prince Galiczin, who is arrived here from Spain to return to his Court is still in this City.

Wye's Letter, verbatim, June 21.

Since our last arrived a Mail from France.

They write from Paris, That the Comptroller General having been received in the Chamber of Accounts with the usual Ceremonies, made a fine

fine Speech on that Occasion, and promised to lay regularly before them all the Accounts, as was done in the Time of that great Monarch Lewis XIV. and to put every Thing on the ancient Foot. On the 22d Cardinal de Noailles published a Mandate, enjoining Prayers to be put up in all the Churches of Paris, to beseech Almighty God to give his most Christian Majesty such a Portion of his Grace, as may enable him to govern his Kingdom well, and to pour down his choicest Blessings on him and his Subjects.

'Tis well known how agreeable the Proceedings of Lewis the XIV. were, which the present King is so zealous of imitating. Mean Time he has ordered his Ministers at Foreign Courts to notify, That the Change of his Ministry shall not make any Alteration in his Engagements with his Allies.

'Tis confirmed that the Courts of Madrid and Petersburg, have put a Stop to their Preparations by Sea and Land, and 'tis believed that at Vienna, the Discourse of War ceases there. But whether these Powers are sincerely disposed to comply with the Terms for an Accommodation, in order to establish Peace in Europe, upon a lasting and solid Foundation, we can't determine; but this we are sure, that we shall not suffer our selves to be amused, nor the heavy Charges to be continued upon the Nation, without effectually answering the Ends proposed thereby.

We hear from Deal, that his Majesty's Ship the Drake is arrived there, having under her Convoy six Transports with the Land Forces. That Admiral Hopson, with the Men of War from the Nore, was working Yesterday into the Downs, but the Wind blowing hard, were obliged to come to Anchor at North Foreland, where 'twas reported they would ply to this Day. 'Tis now certain 2 Bomb Vessels are fitting up at Deptford with so much Expedition, that the Men there worked all Sunday last, and 'tis said they will fall down the River this Day or Tomorrow, to join the Fleet under Sir John Jennings.

Letters from Boston in New England, dated the 9th May, have the good News, That the Diamond Man of War had taken a Pyrate Ship commanded by one Cooper, and carried the Men Prisoners with him to Jamaica. That since the Conclusion of the Peace with the five Indian Nations, the Trade upon the River Canada, has already had good Success, and proper Measures were concerting by the general Assembly of New York, to establish and encrease it, and in order thereto, a sufficient Num-

ber of fit Persons are to be constantly maintained among the Indians, as had been formerly done with good Success.

The Person well known among the Nobility and Gentry by the Name of Sir James Daker, Knight of the Golden Spar, and lately call'd Lord Lateran, died some Days since, and 'tis said a Noble Peer will set up a Monument for him.

New Commissioners of the Peace are making out for the Counties of Cumberland and Northumberland. The Report is revived, that the Lady of the Noble and Right Honourable Sir Robert Walpole, will be created Dutches of Northumberland. The Spanish Ambassador was this Week at Kensington, to wait on his Majesty, and a Notion is entertained in Relation to the Island of Sicily.

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Copenhagen, June 18. Letters from Stockholm say, that the same Day when the British Admiral Wager left that Place to return to his Squadron, the Accession of the Emperor, and the Alliance with the Empress of Russia, were proclaimed in all the principal Streets of that Capital, Trumpets sounding and Kettle Drums beating.

London, June 20. On Friday Night last, about eight a-clock, ten Men of War being Part of the Squadron commanded by Sir John Jennings, sailed from the Downs for Portsmouth, to join the others in that Harbour. There were on Board them the Colonels Newton, Disney and Austruther.

The two Bomb Vessels that are commissioned to join the Fleet, under Sir John Jennings, are commanded by Captain Toller and Captain Long.

Yesterday died Major James Stewart of the Horse Grenadier Guards.

From the St. James's Evening Post, June 21.

Paris, June 20. The new Royal Council consists of the King, the Duke of Orleans, the Prince of Conti, the Duke de Main, the Count de Tholouse, the Marshals de Villars, Berwick, and de Wexles, and the late Bishop of Frejus, the last of whom is to make a Report to his Majesty of all Affairs relating to the state, being to be assisted by the other Ministers as often as he sends for them. The Actions are fallen to 680 Livres.

Edinburgh, June 27. Thursday last Daniel Barr and Andrew Obryan fought in the Abbey, to the inexpressible Disadvantage of the latter.



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Last Week several vagabond Gipsies from the West, were brought in hither.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

THAT There is to be sold at Kello a choice Mille-Ash with a She Colt, foaled the 15th Inst. Any who has a mind for the said Ash, may call at William Millar Gardner in the Abbey, or Samuel Robertson Merchant in Kello, who will inform to whom the Ash belongs.

GEORGE WADE Esq; Major General and Commander in Chief of all His Majesty's Forces in North-Britain, &c

WHEREAS His Majesty, by Warrant under His Royal Sign Manual, bearing Date the 14th Day of April 1726. has been pleased to authorize and appoint Me to examine such of the Half-pay Officers on the Establishment of Great Britain who reside in Scotland:

These are therefore to give Notice to the said Half-pay Officers, (who have not been examined this Year before the General Officers at the Horse Guards) That they do not fail Personally to appear before Me at Edinburgh; to prove they are duly qualified and entitled to Half-pay, at some Time between the 15th and 30th Day of July 1726. And if any of the said Reduced Officers cannot Personally appear, by Reason of Sickness; such Officer is to send an Affidavit, signed by himself, and made before a Justice of the Peace, declaring, That he is unable to appear at the said Examination: To which must be annexed, a Certificate of the same from the Minister of the Parish. The said Officers are also required, in the said Affidavit to mention their Age, the Time of their actual Service, in what Regiments and Countreys they served; and that they have no other Employment under the Government but as Half-pay Officers.

GEORGE WADE.

THAT, according to Adjournment, the Lands and Barones of LOUNAN, ETHIE and NORTHARRIE, at Twenty one Years Purchase, and reckoning the Virtual over-head at Five Pounds Scots the Boll: are to be exposed to Roup and Sale upon FRIDAY, the Fifteenth Day of July next, at three of the Clock in the Afternoon, in the House of Alexander Stuart Vintner in Edinburgh, either separately or altogether, as shall be determined at the Time of the Sale; and whereof the free Rent is as follows, viz. Of the Lands and Barony of Lounan, 3 Firlots, one Peck Wheat; 77 Bolls, 1 Firlot, 2 Pecks Bear; 172 Bolls Meal; 633 L. 6 Sh. 8 d. Scots of Money-Rent; 24 Capons; beside 156 Poultry, not valued in the Rental. Of the Lands and Barony of Ethie, 3 Bolls Wheat, 86 Bolls Bear, 119 Bolls, 2 Firlots Meal, 519 L. 13 Sh. 4 d. Scots of Money-Rent, 9 Wedders, 21 Capons, 78 Eels of Linen Cloth, beside 99 Poultry, not valued in the Rental, and of the Lands and Barony of Northarrie, 172 Bolls, 1 Peck, 2 Lippies Bear, 69 Bolls, 2 Firlots Meal; 262 L. 5 Sh. 4 d. Scots of Money-Rent, 16 Capons, 9 Eels of Linen-Cloth,

beside 15 Poultry, not valued in the Rental. All the said Lands, holding Blanch of the Crown, and lying upon the Seacroft, near and about the Burgh of Aberbrothock; and the particular Rentals, Condition of Sale, and Progress of the Writs, are to be seen in the Hands of William Mercer Writer in Edinburgh.

Fishery-Office, May 24, 1726.

The Managers of the Copartnery are to expose to publick Sale, at their Office on TUESDAY being the 28th Inst. at 3 after Noon, at the following low Rates, for Encouragement of Bidders, viz.

Four new-hairing-nets, at 3 L. sterl. each.

Eight ditto, containing 110 undred'd ditto, at 15 sh. each.

Utensils for a Twine-work per Inventory, to be set up at L. 9, 17, 8 sterl.

Ditto for the Cod-fishing, as per Inventory; to be set up at L. 14, 1, 8.

Ditto for a Barking-house, per ditto to be set up at L. 14, 16, 4 sterl.

The above Goods will be shown at Leith by David Daes the Copartnery's Agent, and the Inventories and Articles of Roup, at their Office in the Lawn-market. Also there will be exposed to publick Sale at the said Office, and at the same Hour, 88 Laths, 13d of clattering Barrels lying at Peterhead, in one Lot, to be sold as they lie, at 14 sh. per Last.

Notice is also hereby given, That the Managers of the Fishing Copartnery are to expose to publick Sale by Roup, at their Office in the Lawn-Market in Edinburgh, on Tuesday the 31st of July next, at three in the Afternoon, the Lands and Fishertown of Peterhead with the Pertinents, and others belonging to the said Copartnery, lying in the Parish of Peterhead and Shire of Aberdeen, the yearly Rental whereof, amounts to 191 Bolls 2 Pecks of Bear, 199 Bolls and 2 Pecks 13d Meal, 2 Bolls of Oats, and L. 80. 4. 1 16th Sterling of Money Rent and Feu-Duties, being the neat free Rent, over and above the Ministers Stipend. Item the Reus of 37 Houses in Stonehaven, and Fish-Boats in the said Town, belonging to the said Copartnery, lying in the Sheriffdom of Kincardin, the Free Rent whereof, amounts in all to L. 7. 12. 1 6th Sterling. Any Person who intends to bid for the above Purchase, may see the Particulars of the Rental, the Copartnery's Right, and the Conditions of Sale, at the Copartnery's Office.

The said Managers do likewise further give Notice, That all Persons who have Certificates, made out in their own Names, or who have Right to the same by Indorsation, may have their first Dividend of Fishery-Stock, at the Rate of 5 sh. sterl. per Pound; paid them at the Barrow-room, This Day, and on Friday next being the First of July, from 9 to 12 a clock in the Forenoon, and from 2 till 5 Afternoon; and that on Wednesday the 29th Inst. at the same Place and Hours, Certificates will be given out to such Person as have Concern in the said Copartnery, who have hitherto omitted to call for them.

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